

TWO YOUNG PITCHERS ADDED TO ROSTER OF WESTERN LEAGUE CLUB

ARE TOUTED AS FINE PROSPECTS

Howard Brookes and S. P. Johnsons' Are Names of Recruits.

BENNY MEYER IS DUE TODAY

Wuffli and Others Expected in Some Time Before Sunday.

BY LARRY DAILEY
"You never can tell," said Spencer Abbott, president of the Tulsa Western League baseball club, in discussing the greatest gamble of baseball young players. "There may be a winning pitcher or 222 batter who has come to you. I always have as many young players as possible, and the fact I won't even say a name, who has been in the game too long." Thus speaks Spencer Abbott, president of the Tulsa Western League baseball club and who has sent many star young ball players into fast company.

Because he has a wide acquaintance among baseball men, Abbott signed off to many a young player who has had no chance in his club. His latest additions to the roster of the local club are Howard Brooks and S. P. Johnson, young right hand pitchers, both of whom come highly touted as splendid prospects. Brooks is from Beaumont, while it is said he is about to make his debut in the major leagues. The Western association has seen Brooks pitch and deems him to be a find. Johnson, who covers six feet two inches and weighs 190 pounds, is also said to possess all sorts of latent ability and needs only proper coaching to be developed into a star. Both men will have their opportunity to have been seen and will be up to report with the rest of the gang next Monday.

Never Always Has Pop.

Abbott received word from Benny Meyer, outfielder and team captain, that he will arrive in town today. Meyer, who played several seasons in the big show, has not allowed that to dim his enthusiasm and he is one of the first to be here to help out.

Letters to Tulsa which have been forwarded to Tulsa which indicates that the crack infielder is on his way. Most of the players are expected home today and tomorrow, though several will probably not get here until Monday.

Abbott announced last night that training will not be started until the end of the month, and not in by Monday. It is probable that an exhibition game will be played with the Sand Springs nine at Sand Springs Thursday, as the boys are in their conditioning in the neighboring city until the first exhibition game with the Kansas City American Association club, April 5 and 6.

Meyer Makes More Friends.

At Wiss, the general contractor, company, who is adding to his long list of friends. In the short time he has been here, Wiss has shown that he not only is a splendid fellow but knows the game in all its angles and Abbott made a wise move when he secured the Joplin man as his representative.

James K. Crawford, treasurer and tall owner of the club, returned yesterday from Fort Worth and was sent to inspect the park. Crawford radiates optimism regarding the future of minor league baseball, saying that the Texas league nucleus expect one of the most successful seasons in their history. He also added that fans in that section have heard of Tulsa's diamond activities and are bound to like the things of Tulsa as a sporting and base ball town.

HINES LOOKS FOR PRIVATE MANAGEMENT OF RAILROADS

CHICAGO, March 28.—Walker D. Hines, who made his first official visit to Chicago today as director general of roads, was making a press call during which he said that it is propitious for solving the railroads' problems with the public more appreciative of the service of the lines than ever before. Also he said the expenditures required of the government for operation of the roads would not show as great a loss as many people suppose.

In speaking of a permanent solution of the railroads' question, the director general concluded by saying he believed some form of private management would follow the termination of government control.

He also said the old plan of private operation by some 170 companies would never again be suggested. He said the suggestion of G. Davies Warfield, head of an organization of railway securities holders, for a statutory standard of reasonable rates and for a 4 per cent return on the entire investment in the railroads were getting nearer to the fundamental principles involved.

CONCLUSION OF AGREEMENT WITH SHIPBUILDERS WAITS

WASHINGTON, March 28.—No working agreement between mid-Atlantic coast shipbuilders and the metal trades unions will be signed by the delegates of ship owners and union leaders in session here. Representatives of the union today informed the employees that they would have to submit the proposals to their ships for final consideration.

While the Pacific coast union men were holding a final meeting late yesterday, the Atlantic and mid-coast yards completed drafting an agreement which is to be submitted to the employers. The two agreements would affect about 260,000 workers on the east coast and 120,000 on the west coast.

Woman Robbed of Clothing.

Anna Moore, 117 N. Phoenix, does not expect to make a large contribution to the Red Cross drive for colored clothing as a sneak thief snatched her bag while she was out at her night and made away with her wearing apparel.

Assembling a pair of new stockings, a new negligee, a bundle for living room, fruit or vegetables that

MUTT AND JEFF—JEFF TRAILS ALONG WITH A LIVE ONE EVERY TIME.



—By Bud Fisher

MATTY MATHEWS WAS RING BEAU BRUMMEL

All Boxers Have Hobbies—Matty's Was In Buying Most Expensive and Stylish of Raiment.

It is as natural for stars of the prize ring to have hobbies as it is for a duck to swim. Many interesting tales have been told about the ringmen and their hobbies, when not at work in the squared circle, or not training for a go, and from these stories it is easy to see that some queer ginks have followed the padded glove sport.

Of all the eccentric fighters this country has ever known, it is indeed doubtful if one ever surpassed Matty Mathews, the fast Eddie Mathews, who was a topnotcher in the days of Rube Perns, Joe Walcott, Dick Burke and others of that period. Matty was first of all a strenuous fighter. He won the title from Rube Perns, but did not hold it long, because Rube won it back in a return match in Toronto.

Mathews' hobby was swell clothes.

No fistic man ever gave Broadway as great a surprise as Mathews, for he was passionately fond of lots of color in his clothing scheme, and he never spared the pocket to get what he wanted. He was one of the more expensive dressers than Jimmy Britt,

who was always conceded to have been a champion Beau Brummel.

At one stage in his career Mathews was said to have in his possession 27 suits of clothes and upwards of 200 of the loudest cravats obtainable.

Mathews was also a friend to custom made shirts of spectacular color schemes and when he was champion he placed one order for these that involved a gross of different patterns.

Mathews, however, was careful of his health and habits, during the early part of his career, and the fact that he was a strenuous fighter from bell to bell, made him a great favorite and wonderful drawing card.

He made money and he spent it readily for anything that struck his fancy in the way of raiment. Walcott and some of the others preferred to squander their earnings for eats and drinks. Every man seems to have a hobby.

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